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Navy Cmdr. Lang Presented Bronze Star By Brig. Gen. Dorko For Work In Iraq

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TALLIL, Iraq—Navy Cmdr. Michael Lang was presented the Bronze Star Medal by Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Dorko, commander the Gulf Region Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Commander Lang demonstrated exceptional leadership and courage in the face of the enemy as he made over 40 trips outside the wire—visiting over 70 construction sites to verify the quality of construction projects and to meet with Iraqi government officials and Iraqi engineers," Lang's citation read.

"His direction and supervision of a team of 12 civilian project management professionals and 18 Iraqi engineers ensured the successful completion of 61 projects totaling \$433 million," the citation went on, saying those projects will provide water, electricity, security, roads, health care and other critical infrastructure needs to the Iraqi people.

Lang, a Navy Seabee reservist, is the officer-in-charge of the Adder Area Office of the Gulf Region South District of the Corps of Engineers.

"I got this because each one of you helped me tremendously," Lang told his GRS colleagues upon receiving his award.

Dorko, who said he has long admired



Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Dorko, commander of USACE's Gulf Region Division, pins Bronze Star on Navy Cmdr. Micheal Lang, officer in charge of the Adder Area Office of the Gulf Region South District. (Photo By Betsy Weiner, USACE.)

Navy Seabees, said he watched from afar the great things Lang accomplished with difficult projects.

"He came, he saw, he conquered," the general said of Lang, who soon will conclude his tour in Iraq and return to his home in Weatherford, Tex.

Dorko said Lang did great things for the district and great things for the people of Iraq.

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